

To all practices enrolled in the Vermont Vaccine Program,

During this Covid-19 pandemic, flu vaccination is more important than ever before. The following information is provided to assist you with planning to increase flu immunization rates in Vermont.

1. Consider offering an off-site flu vaccine clinic for all ages

The Immunization Program has developed guidance to support your practice in providing off-site (school or community) flu vaccine clinics. If interested in offering an off-site clinic, please review the following information on the Health Department website:

- [Guidance for Off-site Influenza and COVID19 Vaccine Clinics for 2020-21](#) provides a brief overview of Program requirements.
- The [2020/2021 Vermont Vaccine Program \(VVP\) Off-Site & School Located Clinic Addendum Provider Agreement](#) needs to be completed when you begin planning for off-site clinics. This is very short, but provides information to the Program, so we can better assess access to flu vaccine for the pediatric and adult population and ensure your practice has an adequate vaccine supply for any scheduled off-site clinics. This does not commit your practice to offering a clinic.
- A [Vaccine Management Checklist for Off-Site Clinics](#) is provided to support the use of best practices in all clinics. This step by step guide will ensure staff feel confident in planning for and conducting flu vaccine clinics.

2. Say YES to those age 65+

For the 2020-21 season, the CDC will provide an additional supplemental supply of adult flu vaccine at no cost to the Program. *Therefore, state-supplied adult flu vaccine may be used in all persons 19 years and older during the 2020-21 flu vaccination period.* Please, do NOT cancel any private purchase adult flu vaccine orders your practice has placed. The supplemental adult vaccine supplied by CDC may not be available until after Nov. 1. We regret that the Program will not be able to provide either of the two vaccines specifically formulated (high dose and adjuvant) for those 65 years and older, as they are not available on the CDC contract.

3. Influenza vaccine ordering

Flu vaccine will be ordered on behalf of all Vermont Child Vaccine Program (VCVP) practices the first week of September. Additionally, flu vaccine will be ordered at the same time for Vermont Adult Vaccine Program (VAVP) practices who participated last year. Please email the Immunization Program if you want to change your participation status this year. No pre-ordering is necessary, historic data will be used, understanding that we all expect increased demand this season. An updated Vaccine Availability list, including NDCs will be emailed on 7/13/20. Additional information is posted in our [FAQ](#).

We will provide additional information in the coming weeks. Please direct any questions to AHS.VDHimmunizationprogram@vermont.gov

Thank-you for all you are doing to protect Vermonters,

The Immunization Program Team